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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Clerks at Kirksville are planning the organization of a union.

The skating rink at Lancaster is proving very popular. Almost everybody in town is falling for it.

Distinction comes in many ways. A Harrisonville man has just dug up a dandelion root eleven inches long.

Louisiana will expend \$700 in buying a power and heater oil sprinkler, to be used in oiling the streets of that city.

A Garden City man was knocked down by a cow and his shoulder dislocated. Pneumonia and then grippe followed, resulting in his death.

For twelve years LaPlata has had but one negro resident and with the death of Ellen Underwood, cook at the Cottage hotel, the town is lily white.

"Sacrilegious son of Belial" is the epithet some one drew from the Wellington News when he stole the lamp from an incubator and ruined the chances of a hatch.

Sam P. Jones finished an eight month term of school at Langdon last Friday. During the term he rode on horseback two thousand two hundred and forty miles.

Evelyn, seven-year-old daughter of Tony Bergsneider, south of Ulrich, fell off a gate the other day and broke her left arm, it being the third time she has had the same arm broken.

One of the principal reasons why the state treasury is badly depleted is because you see so many automobiles running all over the country with 1915 license tags.—DeKalb Tribune.

Again Linn county comes to the front with a big hen record. Listen! John W. Sayers of Linn county the other day marketed three hens which weighed 24 1-2 pounds and brought the sum of \$3.43, nearly \$1.15 each.

Auto owners should be very careful in asking others to crank their car. R. H. Mead, of Kansas City, has been sued for \$10,000 by Urless Beck, employed in a garage, whose arm was broken while cranking Mead's car.

Four hundred goats were shipped in here Thursday morning for Wm. F. Welch, which he took to his farm east of town. Don't know whether they are Kansas City goats or not, but Mr. Welch expects them to eat all the brush on his 160 acres between now and fall.—Parnell Sentinel.

Free text books will be supplied to more than a hundred pupils in the Cedar City district of Callaway county for the coming school year, the certificate having been filed with the county court advising that the board had taken such action. It is estimated that more than five hundred books will be required.

When his step-daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Hawthorne, a bride of a week, lost her nerve and could not carry out her part in their suicide pact last week, Arthur Goodman, a well to do farmer living near Williamsville, shot Mr. Hawthorne, then himself, inflicting a wound from which he died. The girl died a few hours later.

The appointment of W. A. Shelton, of Clinton, to be United States marshal for the Western district of Missouri, was confirmed Saturday by the senate. The appointment was made several months ago.

A desire to see the "wilde of Missouri" prompted fifteen students of Kelford, N. C., to write the Missouri College of Agriculture for information that would enable them to get work in Missouri during the harvest season.

R. D. Dalton, a farmer, living near Fairfax, is going to try bean raising this year, according to the Forum. He has recently bought thirty bushels of navy beans from a Michigan grower and will plant 40 acres to this crop.

Guyton & Harrington have just constructed at Lathrop a very large reservoir which will give them abundant water for the use of the thousands of horses and mules which they handle for the British government. The lake surface when filled will contain 68 acres of water and will be 2 1-2 miles around.

Howard county has a mysterious tree dweller whose identity is puzzling Armstrong folks. Toney Bentley was telling the Herald about it. Toney discovered recently in a large linn tree an improvised home. A ladder led to the elevated quarters and a crack in the tree had been chinked with mud.

Farmington is entitled to free mail delivery whenever the receipts of the postoffice reach \$10,000 for any fiscal year ending June 30th. Postmaster Smith says that if the receipts of the present quarter equal the average of the three last quarters they will exceed \$10,000 for the year.—Farmington News.

Passengers of a jitney plying between Joplin and an outlying powder company plant Wednesday noticed that the driver, Walter Williams, 31 years old, was not driving the car carefully. A moment later the car left the road, crossing a ditch and was stopped by a tree. Williams was dead. A coroner's inquest later pronounced death due from heart disease. None of the six occupants of the machine was injured.

James McGee, who lives three or four miles south of Dexter, received a telegram Tuesday, informing him of the death of his son, Corporal Bonnie McGee in a field hospital near Parral, Mexico. Young McGee was a United States soldier in the expedition in Mexico hunting Villa. He was shot in the mouth in an engagement with the Villistas, and lived about two weeks after he was wounded.—Dexter Messenger.

Petitions addressed to the county court are being circulated throughout the county, asking the body to call a special election to submit to the voters a proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of building and improving the roads in Iron county. The law provides that if a hundred signatures are secured the court shall order the election. The petitions will probably be presented at the adjourned term of county court to be held in July.—Ironton Register.

When Bud Rice, of Bridgeport, woke up to find his house on fire, he rushed up a burning stairway to rescue his children who were sleeping upstairs. He dropped them out of a window and then leaped out himself just as the roof fell in.

Present information indicates that the watermelon acreage in Southeast Missouri will be increased one third this year. Near Blodgett there are 3,000 acres planted, with the young vines coming up nicely and prospects never better for a crop.

Barney Farthing, who died in Monroe county, was buried in a walnut coffin of his own make, constructed by him several years ago. He was a boon companion of the immortal Mark Twain, at Hannibal, and was 80 years old at the time of his death.

If Mr. Simmons of Parnell's "Cash Store" ever lets his slice of bread fall it will be sure to hit buttered side down. For the first time in his career as a merchant he left money in the cash register of his store and on that particular night burglars got in and ransacked the place.

Uncle Sam may be a little slow says the Higginsville Advance, but his bookkeepers are always on the job. M. C. James, who retired as postmaster at Higginsville some sixteen months ago, received the other day a warrant from the treasury department reimbursing him seventy-nine cents which had been overcharged in Mr. James' final audit.

What is said to be the largest single piece shipment of its kind ever handled by an American railroad, according to the News-Herald, was that of a 160,000 ton electric generator received at Joplin for installation at the power plant at Riverton. The generator traveled in a specially built car built some month ago for the Pennsylvania railroad.

How a Jersey calf, 1 month old, shot with a revolver a big tom cat has no place in this column except for the fact that the innocent bystander formerly lived at Fredericktown. The ex-Missourian lives in Oregon and carries a pistol. When he went down to the lot the other day to feed his stock a calf kicked him, the pistol was knocked from his pocket and discharged, the bullet killing a cat asleep in the barn.

Eleven cents a day is enough to live on if the experiments of an Adair county man are to be taken as a criterion. According to the Kirkeville Graphic, a resident of that county has subsisted on that sum for the last eighty days. The bill of fare includes bread of his own baking, griddle cakes, bacon, fresh pork, sausage, butter, potatoes, corn, onions, tomatoes, an occasional pie or cake, syrup and coffee without sugar or cream.

In announcing the centenary celebration in October, 1918, of the Sacred Heart convent at St. Charles, the Banner-News calls attention to the little known fact that this institution is the mother of all others of the Sacred Heart Order in the Western hemisphere as well as having the distinction of being the first school of any kind for young women in the territory lying north of the Missouri river. From this one institution has sprung branches in every large city in the United States, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, South America, Central America, Asia, Japan and the Philippine Islands.

An impressionist story comes from Boonville where a white man and black woman have been sent to jail for stealing a yellow hen.

The County Court awarded the printing of the Financial Statement last week to the Mirror. The Court is Republican in politics and the Mirror is the mouth piece of the party and fights its battles in all political campaigns. Unlike any Democratic Court we have ever had, the Republican Court believes in sustaining the organ of its party.—Steelville Leader.

It was tulip time in Albany the other night, but for the wrong persons. For years Mrs. Perry Green has prided herself on her tulip beds and this year's crop of blooms bids fair to outdo her previous efforts in horticulture. Raiders chose the cover of night to operate and not only carried away the flowers, but cut up the beds by walking through them. Mr. Green, too, felt quite out up about it and offers a \$25 reward for arrest and conviction.

The idea of mice keeping house in his right hand coat pocket did not make a great hit with a Cape Girardeau man, who is so fond of cheese that he carries it about with him to nibble on when fatigued. When he put away his overcoat recently he neglected to remove some cheese from the pocket and a few days ago when he reached into the pocket to get a pair of gloves left there he grasped not the gloves but some very warm and wriggly mice, old and young. One of the gloves had been gnawed into a cozy little nest.

Claude Price placed 350 eggs in a specially constructed "Electric" incubator three weeks ago and last Tuesday morning the hatch began, a count showed 250 were hatched and they were still hatching. Claud had neglected to make provision to care for the young chicks and he was much in the same shape as the Irish express agent in "Pigs is Pigs". He kept two carpenters busy Wednesday building brooders to care for them. He is firmly of the opinion that he has more chickens than he had eggs.—Dunklin Democrat.

A distressing automobile accident occurred last Sunday morning about a mile from Farmington, on the Flat River road just beyond the County Infirmary, in which Mrs. Katie Aeff was instantly killed, her husband W. M. Aeff, suffered a broken leg below the left knee, their daughter, Gladys, was considerably bruised but otherwise unhurt, and Miss Lottie Herzog, daughter of Frank Herzog of Ste. Genevieve, suffered a scalp wound about five inches long, exposing the bone but not fracturing the skull. All of them lived in Ste. Genevieve.—Farmington Times.

There is universal complaint at the condition of the wheat crop from every section of the county, and for that matter from all the wheat growing counties of Southeast Missouri. In this county the Hessian fly has done great damage and this coupled with alternate freezes and thaws during the winter months has caused a very poor stand on the ground, and a general bad condition. The most optimistic estimate is about fifty per cent of a normal crop, unless wheat turns out wonderfully well, between now and the harvest time. Many farmers in this county have plowed up their wheat and put the ground in corn.—Dexter Messenger.

Grain For The Skim-Milk Calf.

Calves are usually fed whole milk for two to three weeks, then gradually changed to skim-milk. About the time of changing, begin to feed a little grain but do not think it is necessary to use oil meal or any other high-priced feed, high in protein, or fat, or both. Experience at the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station shows that a mixture of two parts of corn and one part of oats, by weight, gives as good results as oil-meal and ready-mixed calf meals often purchased at much higher prices. Bran is not especially good for the young calf because it is too laxative. The grain mixture should be fed immediately after the milk, and neither should be fed too liberally or occurs may result.—L. W. Wing, Missouri College of Agriculture.

Cut Worm Poison.

If cutworms prove troublesome in the garden or cornfield, they can be held in check with a mixture of 25 pounds of bran, half a pound of Paris green or lead arsenate, and a quart of molasses. The lead arsenate is now cheaper than the Paris green, and which ever is used should be dissolved in two gallons of water to which the molasses and ground pulp of two lemons or oranges should be added.

This poison mixture should be scattered in the evening in order that it may stay moist as long as possible, as the worms refuse to eat it after it has become dry. The addition of the orange or lemon juice is important in making it attractive to the worms, but it is likely to be attractive to the chickens and some other farm animals also with fatal results.—J. S. Gardner, Missouri College of Agriculture.

The first breach of promise suit ever filed in Iron county has just been brought against a farmer there by a young woman at Des Arc.

"A 'u' for an 'I' did it," was the Chilhowee Blade's explanation of a typographical error which let it be known that "the table decorations were punk."

Cupid perpetrated an April hoax when a Kansas City woman after corresponding with John Drew of Boonville, who had written her on the stationery of a well known Boonville merchant firm, came on to marry him and found John to be a big buck nigger. And John, who protests he thought he was writing to a colored lady, was glad to pay her way back home.

The St. Joseph Lead Company this week declared the regular quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent payable June 20th to stock of record. The company reports its earnings at a record breaking rate. The past year has certainly been a profit-reaping one for lead industries, and there is a broad smile all over the Lead Belt.—Farmington Times.

Ed. Bedwell, prominent Apple Creek township farmer met with a serious accident yesterday while plowing. The lines dropped to the ground and were wrapped around Bedwell's feet, just as the spirited team took fright at something and bolted. Bedwell was dragged a considerable distance before he could extricate himself, and when it was found that one of his legs was broken.—Jackson Item in Cape Republican.

HIS VIOLIN HIS PASSPORT

Russian Artist Plays for Official at San Francisco Immigration Station—Is Not Deported.

San Francisco.—Abram Haltovich, a blind Russian musician, and his nineteen-year-old brother, held at the immigration station here for deportation as aliens likely to become public charges, were freed, with the right to enter into this country, after Edward White, commissioner of immigration, heard the musician play his violin.

Through the open window of the commissioner's office were floated the strains of Tchaikowsky's "Serenade," played by a masterly hand. White ordered the Russian and his violin brought before him. Once more Haltovich played and then White ordered the board of inquiry to convene and consider Haltovich's case again. He is a graduate of the Imperial Russian Conservatory of Music at Petrograd, a special decree of the emperor permitting him, a Jew, to enter the institution. He left Russia so his young brother might not be enlisted as a soldier.

The brothers will be cared for by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid society.

GAVE THEIR SONS TO FRANCE

Many Commanding Generals Greatly by Battles of the Great European War.

Paris.—Generals who have exercised commands during the war have had a total of 36 sons and sons-in-law killed in action.

General de Castelnau has lost three sons, General Fautsch a son and a son-in-law, General Bailloud a son and a son-in-law, General de Maudey a son, General d'Amade a son, General Desrier three sons, General de Pouydraguin two sons, General Reynouard two sons, General de Lardemolle two sons, General Nayraud two sons, General Ganeval a son-in-law (General Ganeval himself was killed at the Dardanelles), General de la Nauvonne two sons, General Ebnar a son, General de Benoit a son, General Bonnal a son, General de Mondair a son-in-law, General de Vaessart a son-in-law, General Falque a son, General Chailley a son, Rear Admiral Amet a son, General de Morlaincourt a son-in-law, General Louis a son, General Corvisart a son, General de Lestrac a son, General de Lestapis a son, General Bonhat a son, General Diendonne a son.

TO TAKE ENGLISH BRIDE



Miss Vera Arkwright, whose marriage with Frederick Bates of Chicago is to take place in England soon. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Capt. F. W. Arkwright. Her mother was formerly the wife of the late Colonel Fitzgibbon, eldest son of H. R. H. the duke of Cambridge.

rather Saved Child by Daring Leap. Johnstown, Pa.—Steve Senovich, a miner, hearing the screams of his three-year-old daughter, Anna, the other evening, ran to the bridge that spans Stony creek and saw her struggling in the swift-flowing water. The father leaped into the stream, a distance of 20 feet, and pulled the child to safety.

Hanged After Trying Suicide. Beaumont, Tex.—Ralph H. Burgess, a traveling salesman, was hanged here for the murder of his wife. An hour before he went to the gallows he attempted to swallow poison. He was thirty-five years old.